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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00  
SAP Reference No. 2000P00001 US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Stefan HACK et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3623
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Application No.: 09/609,714	)	Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G.
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Filed: June 30, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 2503
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For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION	)	
SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 25, 2007 by a petition for a two-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.